GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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BUMPER CROP OF PADDY AND MAIZE IN A.P.
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of bumper crop of paddy and maize, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to dispose of certain quantity thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Department of Food & Public Distribution, Government of India for early disposal of Maize stocks to vacate the godowns for fresh arrivals of Paddy/Coarsegrains, etc. However, no such request has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for disposal of Paddy.

(b) & (c): Total quantity of 5.87 lakh MTs of Maize was procured by Government of Andhra Pradesh and its Agencies under price support operations. Of the total procured quantity of Coarsegrains in Andhra Pradesh, a quantity of 75,452 MTs of Maize has been allotted to the States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh for the period December, 2005 to November, 2006 by the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India. Food Corporation of India has also been directed to dispose of 2.5 lakh MTs of Maize procured in Andhra Pradesh through tender. Further, it has been decided by the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India to release 50000 MTs of Maize to state Animal Husbandry Department for the use of poultry industries. As regards the balance quantity of Maize, the Department of Food & Public Distribution has committed to release it for poultry feed at subsidized rate.